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In re Application of:

Blackwood

Serial No. 09/888,302

Filed: June 21, 2001

For:

WAFER HOLDER FOR BACKSIDE

VIEWING, FRONTSIDE PROBING ON AUTOMATED WAFER PROBE

**STATIONS** 

Group Art Unit: 2829 Examiner: Vinh Nguyen

Atty. Dkt. No. 5201-24200

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 19, 2003

MS: Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir/Madam:

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on October 16, 2003. In that interview, the undersigned discussed the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection lodged in the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003. The undersigned directed the Examiner to several examples in which Applicant contends there is sufficient support for amendments made in the previous Response filed June 25, 2003. Examiner Nguyen suggested that a formal response be submitted and that the undersigned point out specifically where in the specification support is believed to exist. As such, this paper is submitted in hopes of fulfilling that request. In addition, this response includes an amendment to cancel all claims that were rejected, except for the rejection lodged under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Please amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.